## Fiscal Estimate - 2005 Session

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## ATTACHMENT: STATE VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS UNDER 2005 AB 234

- American Legion (531 posts)
- American Veterans (AMVETS) National Headquarters
- Catholic War Veterans
- Disabled American Veterans
- Gold Star Wives of America
- Military Order of the Purple Heart
- National Association for Black Veterans
- National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs
- Navy Club of the U.S.A.
- Paralyzed Veterans of America
- Polish Legion of American Veterans-USA
- The Retired Enlisted Association
- Veterans of Foreign Wars (365 posts)
- Vietnam Veterans of America

## Fiscal Estimate Narratives DOR 3/30/2005

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## **Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

The bill exempts from sales and use taxes sales to Wisconsin chapters or affiliates of national veterans organizations that are chartered by the US Congress.

Based on the websites of veterans organizations, about 14 organizations appear to qualify for the exemption under the bill. The 14 organizations are listed on the attachment to the fiscal estimate. With the exception of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, taxable purchases of veterans organizations appear to consist largely of office supplies and the revenue decrease due to decreased sales of office supplies under the bill would likely be minimal.

The American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars have about 900 posts in the state. These posts purchase furniture and equipment to support a variety of programs and services, for example, many posts offer fish fries which require kitchen equipment and restaurant supplies. Data regarding the currently taxable purchases of these organizations that would become exempt under the bill are not available.

County and stadium sales and use taxes were about 7.72% of state sales and use taxes in FY04. These local sales taxes would also decrease under the bill.

Administrative costs of the bill are minimal and would be absorbed by the Department.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**